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Smoker, cop strike deal on very first pot citation

Community. Pot activist Michael Whiter met with police on Monday, asking Philly Police Chief Inspector Joe Sullivan to issue him the first citation on Oct. 20, the day marijuana is officially decriminalized, after Whiter lights up in public. Whiter wants Officer Sullivan to shake his hand in an act of good faith. PAGE 05

EDUCATION.

RESOURCE EXCHANGE GETS HIGH MARKS PAGE 02

Karyn Gerred has everything at The Resource Exchange — probably even the kitchen sink. The store owner sees Philly teachers and students buying school supplies there. / SAM NEWHOUSE, METRO

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Local tweet

"a vietnam veteran's prosthetic leg was stolen outside the eagles' field. like who does that you can't use someone else's prosthetic leg"

We think there are no one-size-fits all prosthetics, @womacklemore, but your first point is well taken #LegGate.

'Salvaged' secondhand goods are ripe for reuse

Kensington. An entrepreneur is putting high-grade recycled materials, including classroom supplies, onto store shelves.

At The Resource Exchange, a creative reuse center at Second Street and Cecil B. Moore, executive director Karyn Gerred has a warehouse where she can resell every recyclable good she can find.

"We're not cherry-picking high-value items. We're keeping useable materials out of the trash," Gerred said. "People often ask, 'What do you have?' But it's almost like, 'What do we not have?'"

The Resource Exchange was founded in 2009 in the Navy Yard to preserve the dumpsters full of still-usable materials that were left behind by film productions working in that area. They opened up shop in Port Richmond a few years later, and earlier this year, moved to Kensington.

"We wanted to be the thrift store for doers, makers and creators," Gerred said.

Offering high-quality items that are in better condition than what's on sale at most Salvation Army locations, the Resource Exchange is loaded with items like classroom supplies for dollars apiece.

"It's great for teachers, because their budgets are limited," Gerred said. One drama teacher has even brought his students on field trips to the Resource Exchange to stock up on materials to create an entire stage set.

Resource Exchange staff still travel around the region looking for salvageable high-quality goods. Most of the "salvage" comes from film and theater sets that are being broken down when production ends.

"Supplies for film and theater used to all get thrown in a landfill," Gerred explained, saying that most productions run on a schedule that doesn't allow time to properly recycle or donate the goods used to build a set.

Sets are often built using a tropical wood, lauan, which is popular because it is cheap and knot-free, but the wood is often wasted.

Gerred, a UArts alum, uses her connections to the arts industry to track when productions will be breaking down their sets.

"A lot of these things we pulled out of the dumpsters ourselves," Gerred said. "Sometimes we'll just go down with a truck and take everything we can fit."

Recycled but looking brand-new

Resource Exchange has a wide array of recycled goods:

- Laminated maps, flags, holiday decorations, frames, lamps.
- Art supplies like 50-cent acrylic paints, foamcore, posterboard.
- Bundles of fabric are sold for about $1 per pound.

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Potential Penn frosh check out campus

Sophomore David Scollan leads a tour of the University of Pennsylvania campus on College Green in Philadelphia on Monday. / MARK STEHLE, METRO

Done. SEPTA, union reach tentative deal

A deal has been tentatively struck between SEPTA and the Regional Rail engineers union.

The agreement between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen and SEPTA includes a $1,250 lump sum signing bonus as well as an 8.5-percent wage increase when the pact is approved, and a 3 percent raise in April 2015 for the 220 employees.

The agreement, which was five years in the making, requires approval of both the union and SEPTA officials.

The union said it will continue to argue for SEPTA to address its workers' safety concerns. In a statement, Steve Bruno, national vice president of BLET, said the union's concerns will be taken to the Federal Railroad Association. TOMMY ROWAN

By the numbers

$4

Wages will increase by $4 to $34.10 per hour by April 2015.

$95K

Engineers current yearly salary.

Center City

Two cop cars damaged in chain reaction crash

Around 9 a.m. Monday, a driver crashed into a police car at 21st and Spruce streets, sending it into another police car.

The driver and passenger of the vehicle that caused the accident were hospitalized for complaints of pain.

A police officer was hospitalized for scrapes and complaints of pain. METRO

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Police seek female Eagles fan who stole man's prosthetic leg

Eagles. A new story was chiseled into the annals of epic sports fan blunders by a drunken thief on Sunday.

A Philadelphia sports icon's prosthetic leg was stolen during Sunday's Eagles game. Though the leg has been recovered, police are still seeking the thief.

Reports say that at kickoff on 8:30 p.m. Sunday, a drunken woman in her 20s wearing Eagles gear jumped in the lap of Sonny Forriest Jr.

She allegedly broke his microphone, then told him, "I will pay you for it."

Instead, the suspect reportedly stole his prosthetic leg, which he had removed due to discomfort, from the side of his chair before disappearing.

The prosthetic leg was discovered by a SEPTA engineer around 1 a.m. on a Broad Street Line subway car near the Fern Rock station. The thief is believed to have left the leg on the train.

As of press time, police said no arrests had been made, but a detective is assigned to this case.

Forriest, a Vietnam veteran and musician who has played with acts like Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes, often sings outside sports matches and around the city.

He told media that the thief doesn't deserve jail-time, but just needs a talk.

Visit **Metro.us** for more details of the leg-snatching incident.

Twitter sleuth

- "I sat next to the prosthetic leg thief on the subway. Called police, they didn't care, even spoke to detective."
- "girl was riding the BSL, got off at city hall and got on MFL. She didn't have the leg with her on the MFL."

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Peace pipe. Police agree to write first pot citation to weed advocate

On the day that Philadelphia becomes the largest American city to decriminalize small amounts of marijuana, police will deliver the first citation with a handshake.

Weed activist Michael Whiter's request to earn the first pot citation on Oct. 20 was accepted Monday afternoon by Philadelphia Police Chief Inspector Joe Sullivan.

Whiter, 38, called Sullivan's participation an "olive branch, because he's been meeting with us and working with us to help keep everything peaceful."

Sullivan and Steve Glenn, commander of the Civil Affairs Unit, have met regularly with a few marijuana enthusiasts and regular protestors, including Whiter, at coffee shops across the city for the better part of a year. The goal of the so-called "Donut Summits" was to find common ground after rallies at Independence Mall in recent years became combative.

In his pursuit of the first citation, Whiter asked that Sullivan personally sign over the citation, and then shake hands in an act of good faith.

Sullivan said while he doesn't agree with the new rules, the act could be "symbolic," a peace pipe, if you will.

"I don't have any problems shaking somebody's hand when I give them a citation," Sullivan said. "The thing that we have worked out is that we'll be there on the 20th and we will be prepared to issue a citation in a respectful, cooperative, peaceful manner."

Whiter added: "The handshake is more for me, to thank them for no longer putting cuffs on people like me who need cannabis to maintain a quality of life." **TOMMY ROWAN**

That's the ticket

Whiter will meet police in the afternoon, but the location and time have not been set.

- A few uniformed police officers and civil affairs reps will be present.
- Mayor Michael Nutter signed the decriminalization of marijuana bill on Oct. 1.

By the numbers

$25

Under the new law, any resident found in possession of 30 grams or fewer will face a $25 fine.

$100

For public use, the fine is $100, or up to nine months of community service.

Fight breast cancer with an espresso

Kelly Erikson makes a Komen Con Panna, an espresso topped with whipped cream, at Creative Café @ Replica in the University City section of Philadelphia on Monday. For each limited-edition signature drink sold from now until Oct. 21, Creative Café @ Replica will donate $1 to help Susan G. Komen continue its work of raising awareness for breast cancer. / MARK STEHLE, METRO

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US must rethink Ebola strategy, says CDC chief

Virus. The infection of the Dallas nurse is the second known to have occurred outside West Africa.

Workers in Texas decontaminated the apartment of Ebola victim Nina Pham on Sunday. / GETTY IMAGES

The case of a Dallas nurse who contracted Ebola while caring for a dying patient shows the United States needs to rethink how it addresses infection control as an outbreak of the virus spreads beyond West Africa, a top U.S. health official said on Monday.

Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said authorities are investigating how the nurse, Nina Pham, became infected caring for Thomas Eric Duncan in an isolation ward at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital.

Duncan died last week and Pham is the first person to contract the virus on U.S. soil, taking concerns about containing its spread to new heights.

She is "clinically stable," Frieden said, and the CDC is monitoring others involved in Duncan's care in case they show symptoms.

"The care of Ebola is hard. We're working to make it safer and easier," Frieden told reporters.

REUTERS

Hospital

Spain to increase Ebola training

Spain will ramp up training for health workers and emergency services dealing with Ebola cases, authorities said on Monday, as a nurse who caught the virus in Madrid after caring for infected patients remained seriously ill.

Recriminations are flying in Spain over whether hospitals were prepared enough to deal with Ebola cases, after 44-year-old Teresa Romero last week became the first person in the current outbreak to catch the deadly virus outside of Africa.

A broader training program is being developed, said health care academic Fernando Rodriguez Artalejo, who is part of a scientific committee advising the government.

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"We have to rethink the way we address Ebola infection control. Even a single infection is unacceptable." Frieden

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Scuffles in Hong Kong, some barricades torn down, others fortified

Protests. The Hong Kong government last week called off further talks with student leaders.

Occupy Central protesters set up a new roadblock after anti-Occupy Central protesters had cleared roadblocks at the main protest site in Admiralty in Hong Kong. / REUTERS

Hundreds of people tore down protest barriers in the heart of Hong Kong's business district on Monday, scuffling with pro-democracy demonstrators who have occupied the streets for two weeks.

Police intervened to separate the rival groups, and calm was eventually restored. In an indication that the crisis would not be over soon, however, protesters fortified blockades on the perimeter of the downtown district of Admiralty.

Bamboo scaffolding 13 feet high was erected along one major thoroughfare, while groups of demonstrators mixed concrete to pour over the foundations of their roadblocks.

"This shows our determination to fight for democracy," said Bert Tseng, a university student who has been a part of the protests for the past two weeks. REUTERS

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"We've now reached a stage where even if they dismantle everything and clear the roads, we'll just do it somewhere else." Tseng

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Delicate surgery

Conjoined twins to take first step to separation surgery

Conjoined 6-month-old twin girls will begin to undergo tissue expansion this month to stretch skin that will be used to cover patches of their bodies when they are separated in a surgery planned for December.

The tissue expansion for Knatalye Hope Mata and Adeline Faith Mata is expected to take six to eight weeks. The girls are joined at the abdomen and share a liver, diaphragm, pelvis, intestines and the lining of the heart.

"When I think about December I get that sick feeling in my stomach. I want to know how much pain they are going to feel after. What is it going to be like for them?" said their mother, Elysse Mata. REUTERS

Tech. Snapsaved.com claims hackers stole Snapchat images

Snapsaved.com, a website which allows users to save images sent via Snapchat, claimed on Monday that hackers had breached its servers and made off with some 500 megabytes of photographs.

The claim by the little-known website sheds some light on reports in past days that hackers were preparing to unleash some 13 gigabytes of photographs sent via Snapchat, a mobile app popular among teenagers that promises users that any pictures relayed to other users will be deleted in a matter of seconds.

However, users can employ special websites and third-party apps like Snapsaved.com to save images they receive on their smartphones, with or without the sender's and Snapchat's knowledge. Snapchat last week blamed third-party apps, which can be downloaded separately and used in conjunction with its service,

Snapchat / GETTY IMAGES

for any photos that may have been stolen or leaked.

The prospect that a torrent of photos will be made publicly available via an indexed, online database has raised concerns about potentially racy images of minors.

On Monday, Snapsaved.com said on its Facebook page that it deleted its entire website and database as soon as it discovered the intrusion. It was unclear who wrote the post on Snapsaved.com's Facebook page, which has been active since 2013. The website itself remains down.

While apparently owning up to a cybersecurity breach, the website said that hackers' threats, posted anonymously on online forums, to release a barrage of images in what media reports have dubbed a "snappening" had in fact been overstated. REUTERS

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"The recent rumors about the 'snappening' are a hoax. The hacker does not have sufficient information to live up to his claims of creating a searchable database."

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Environment. These activists want you to pee in the shower

Two English college students say they've come up with a plan that would save their school nearly 200 million gallons of water a year.

Their proposal? Start peeing in the shower every morning.

The Go with the Flow campaign is the brainchild of Debs Torr and Chris Dobson, two students at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England. Dobson told the BBC that if everyone on campus took up the challenge, they would "save enough water to fill an Olympic-sized swimming pool 26 times."

On the campaign's Facebook page, students are offered gift certificates as incentives to sign up. The project is part of the npower Future Leaders Challenge, which encourages students to create environmentally friendly projects.

As you might expect, the proposal has left some students reaching for the antibacterial soap. The organizers did agree that no one should take the challenge unless everyone in their dorm was on board. "We would encourage that every person using the same shower consents to the challenge and if not that they don't take part," says Dobson.

Regardless, perhaps East Anglia students should be extra careful about remembering to wear flip-flops in the shower. LAKSHMI GANDHI

Would you want to use these showers? / STOCKBYTE

Health

Is it safe?

Torr and Dobson also said they consulted with a professor about potential health risks and say that the plan won't cause illness. "Urine is nontoxic, unless you have an infection (in which case you should probably get yourself checked out). Combined with the shower water flowing down the drain, there is really no risk to health or hygiene," they write on the campaign's Facebook page.

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These students will now apply their science classes to projects around the world. / FUSE

Colleges and universities have long been criticized for focusing on the theoretical rather than the community around them. One Ivy League university is trying to change that.

Cornell University has just unveiled its "Engaged Cornell" program, which encourages students to apply the lessons they learn in class to work that they do both in the United States and abroad. A student studying public health initiatives, for example, will have the opportunity to travel to Asia to see how doctors there work.

"A goal of the initiative is to empower Cornell students to become active citizens and to tackle critical challenges," the university said in a statement.

Engaged Cornell was launched earlier this month with a $50 million gift from the Einhorn Family Charitable Trust. The decade-long initiative hopes to encourage students to tailor their projects to their personal studies and interests.

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Cornell is just the latest elite school to encourage students to interact more with the world. In recent years, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton, Tulane and Stanford have all created similar initiatives.

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Is your Halloween spending normal?

Shopping habits. You aren't the only person hoarding giant bags of fun-size candy bars.

The amount of money people spend on Halloween can get pretty scary. / GETTY IMAGES

Stores have been pushing Halloween candy, costumes and decorations since September, and now that we're just weeks away from Oct. 31, the lure is almost unavoidable. When it comes to decorations, candy and costumes (for yourself or your kids), do you spend more than the average person? Here's what most people are spending:

Halloween spending has been on the rise for the last five years and doesn't show any signs of slowing down. Overall, the National Retail Federation is predicting Halloween spending to reach a whopping $7.4 billion, up from last year's $6.9 billion. The NRF reports that 45 percent of Americans will dress up this year, which contributes to the $2.8 billion that will be spent on costumes alone, with $1.1 billion going toward costumes for kids.

Additionally, $350 million will be spent on costumes for pets. Seventy-one percent of Americans plan on handing out candy to trick-or-treaters, according to the survey. Between stocking up for costumed visitors, buying candy for the office and parties and just to munch on yourself, it's perhaps unsurprising that money spent on Halloween candy is projected to reach $2.2 billion, with more than 70 percent going toward the purchase of chocolate candy.

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People will spend $350 million on costumes for pets.

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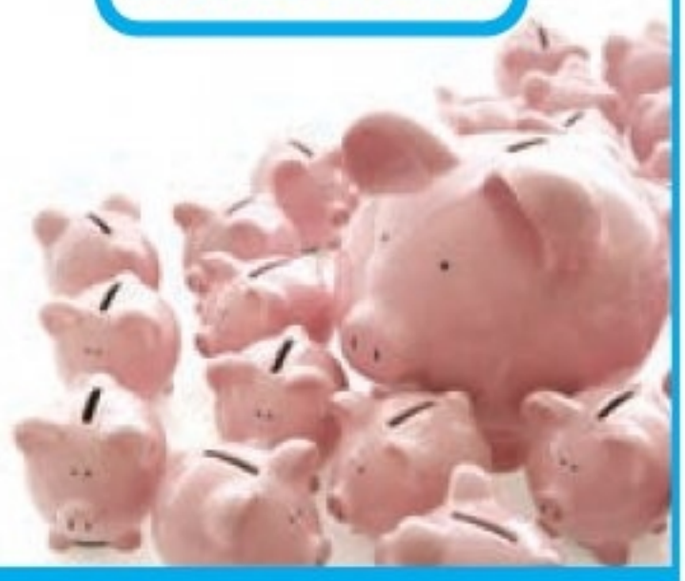

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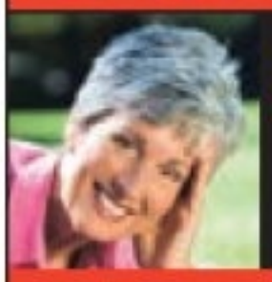

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Things to know before you get rich

Now that I teach people how to trade successfully in the stock market, I learned that showing off a little inspires students to work harder on their studies, so I take pride in my humble brags. But I wish I'd known these three things before I got rich and splurged.

Lesson No. 1: Lamborghinis are a pain

I have a Lamborghini that cost nearly $250,000, but while I was driving my friend's Jeep Cherokee recently, I wished I could switch cars. Sure, everyone stares and takes pictures of my car, and it's the best tool for inspiring students, but it's also annoying!

In Miami, I have to pay $80 to $100 to park it out front everywhere for easier access. And don't get me started about miles-per-gallon and the $3,000 it cost to replace a side-view mirror. The worst is that taking road trips will make your back ache for a week!

Lesson No. 2: The bigger the mansion, the more problems

A few years ago, I bought a 7,000-square-foot mansion. I had tons of room, but every day there was a new problem.

When you consider all the insect issues, electrical problems, security costs and other problems that required a house manager for a while (until he quit due to all the issues), having a big mansion is just not worth it.

Lesson No. 3: Talking about your money is taboo

I understand that many people in this world have so little, but I only bring up my wealth because I teach the exact methods I used to acquire so much money in the first place. I refuse to stick to the status quo when I know my teachings can help people. And the best way to get the word out is to show off my money and the lifestyle it can buy.

I can correct my mistakes — I'll ditch my Lamborghini soon, and I've already gotten rid of the mansion — but it's time more successful people talked like this, as I wish somebody had told me all of this before I got rich.

At just 17 years old, Malala Yousafzai is the youngest-ever recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize for her work promoting women's right to education. It's awe-inspiring!

Ebola is spreading, with potential new cases every day. We must be extremely overprotective to ensure public safety.

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What Sykes likes this week

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2 *Elon Musk continues to amaze with the new Tesla D self-driving features and his Solar City's new loan programs to encourage more solar power usage.*

3 *The U.S. stock markets have begun to fade. I warned about this two weeks ago, and thousands of people have thanked me for doing so.*

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Ned Ehrbar takes on the world of gossip.

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1 Kat Dennings is dating Josh Groban?

Well, this one certainly caught me completely off-guard. Adorable and hilarious "Thor" and "2 Broke Girls" star Kat Dennings hit the red carpet at a charity event in L.A. this weekend with her new boyfriend … Josh Groban. No, seriously. Dennings even posted an Instagram pic of the pair with the caption, "I ship it." Now, if I'm up on my Internet lingo, that should mean that they're not actually a couple but Dennings is eager to write fan-fiction about them being a couple. Wait, that's not what it means, is it?

Jargon confusion aside, apparently this is real. A source even told E! News that "they were so cute together," which is pretty much legally binding in Hollywood. To be fair, though, Groban has enough of a track record with impressive girlfriends — January Jones and, allegedly, Katy Perry — that at this point I'm willing to dub him the nice-guy alternative to David Spade. Why did I pick David Spade here? Simple: Spade's history of punching above his weight class, so to speak, is legendary.

REALLY?
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2 Meet Sergei Kholodovskii, and then hate him

A Russian techie named Sergei Kholodovskii claims he's behind a website circulating the hundreds of leaked celebrity nude photos — and he has zero shame, according to the Sun, because he didn't do the initial hacking: "All the pictures were taken from open sources," says Kholodovskii, who doesn't "see anything wrong with" posting hacked nudes. "If somebody is unhappy to the point of taking action to sue us? Well, we'll just shut down the website and that will be it." I think Jennifer Lawrence would beg to differ on that last point. Kholodovskii, by the way, describes himself as a 28-year-old thrill-seeker who has a Porsche and a pole-dancing wife. And if that hasn't made up your mind about him, he has a response to actresses like Lawrence who take issue with their property being stolen and distributed: "I would not call it sex abuse. These pictures are good PR for these celebrities," he insists. "Some of them were not that known before. Now people are talking about them." Surrrre.

JENNIFER LAWRENCE MIGHT CLASSIFY KHOLODOVSKII AS A SEX CRIMINAL, BUT HE DOESN'T SEE ANYTHING WRONG WITH WHAT HE'S DOING.

3 How dare John Cleese insult Taylor Swift's cat!

I know I should try to not mention Taylor Swift or her cats every day, but this one is too much fun. Because Monty Python vet John Cleese is saying what we're all thinking: Olivia Benson looks weird. During a shared interview on "The Graham Norton Show," Cleese responded to a pic of the cat by asking, "How did it have the accident?" confounding Swift. "Is that a proper cat or is it damaged? That's the weirdest cat I've ever seen in my life." He also makes a subtle dig at Swift's habit of carrying Ms. Benson around in public, telling her — quite pointedly — that he didn't bring his cat to the show because "it didn't want to come." It's deliciously awkward.

Cleese appears to have upset Swift. / BBC, YOUTUBE

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Q&A KEN MARINO 'SPOILER ALERT: IT WORKS OUT'

Our exclusive chat with Ken Marino reveals that his new rom-com sitcom, "Marry Me," won't get too hung up on "will they/won't they" plot lines.

If you're watching the pilot for NBC's new comedy "Marry Me," you might want to keep track of just how many proposals take place. Leads Jake and Annie are very much in love but have a bit of trouble taking that next step. The show, from "Happy Endings" creator David Caspe, stars Casey Wilson as Annie, and "The State" regular Ken Marino as Jake. We checked in with Marino about what to expect from his show.

"MARRY ME," STARRING KEN MARINO, PREMIERES TONIGHT AT 9 P.M. ON NBC.
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In the pilot, Annie and Jake have some relationship issues. How will they get past them?
I think they work through it in the pilot. Annie gets hung up on signs. By the end of the episode, spoiler alert, it all works out. I don't think she's concerned about signs in future episodes. As a matter of fact, I know she's not concerned about signs in future episodes, because we've shot seven or eight already. … In the episodes to come, we have slightly different issues.

What kinds of issues?
It's not a show about "Will they or won't they?" ... That's not what the show is ultimately about. Really, it's a show about a couple that gets engaged and they enter the next chapter of their lives and how they and their friends and their family all deal with that. It becomes more of an ensemble comedy.

Well, it's right there in the title. Seems like they're going to work it out.
Yeah. You know, a lot of people ask, well, is it a romantic comedy "will they/won't they" kind of thing? They will.

So you're just confirming it now, early on.
I feel confident that they will. Unless I get on David and Casey's bad side.

Uh-oh. They could replace you.
Annie decides she wants out.

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Visit **Metro.us** to learn which "State" sketches Marino loves.

Parallels

Hope for 'Happy Endings' fans

Is the tone similar to 'Happy Endings'?
I think it's going to have a lot of the joke-per-minute style of "Happy Endings." Maybe pull back on that a bit and replace [it] with a bit more sweetness between Casey and me and exploring their relationship as a couple. What I love about the show is that I think it's going to be super funny and also have some heart, but then cut that saccharine with some pretty subversive jokes.

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The teen in Ann M. Martin's new book doesn't babysit

Young readers. "The Baby-Sitter's Club" author is releasing a new book for preteens — and it isn't what you might expect.

If you were a teen girl in the '80s or '90s, you know exactly who Ann M. Martin is. As the author and creator of "The Baby-Sitters Club" series, her name is on well over 131 books. Martin just released a new book for preteens, "Rain Reign," about a young girl with autism who is obsessed with homonyms. The book marks a darker turn for Martin, tackling weighty topics such as alcoholism and class conflict. We asked the author about how her writing has changed over the years as well as her "other" book series.

Was writing from the perspective of a character with autism challenging?
Yes, but it was absolutely the way I wanted to tell the story. I had been waiting to write a character with autism for a long time. Back in the '70s, I spent the summers between my semesters at college teaching at a school for autistic children. Obviously, a lot has changed since then. My friend teaches at a school for autistic children, so I was able to visit the school and observe the kids and teachers.

People tend to remember 'The Baby-Sitters Club' as lighthearted, but you did touch upon serious topics in the series.
Absolutely. I used to get thousands of letters from kids and they would tell me things they would like to see in future books — and a

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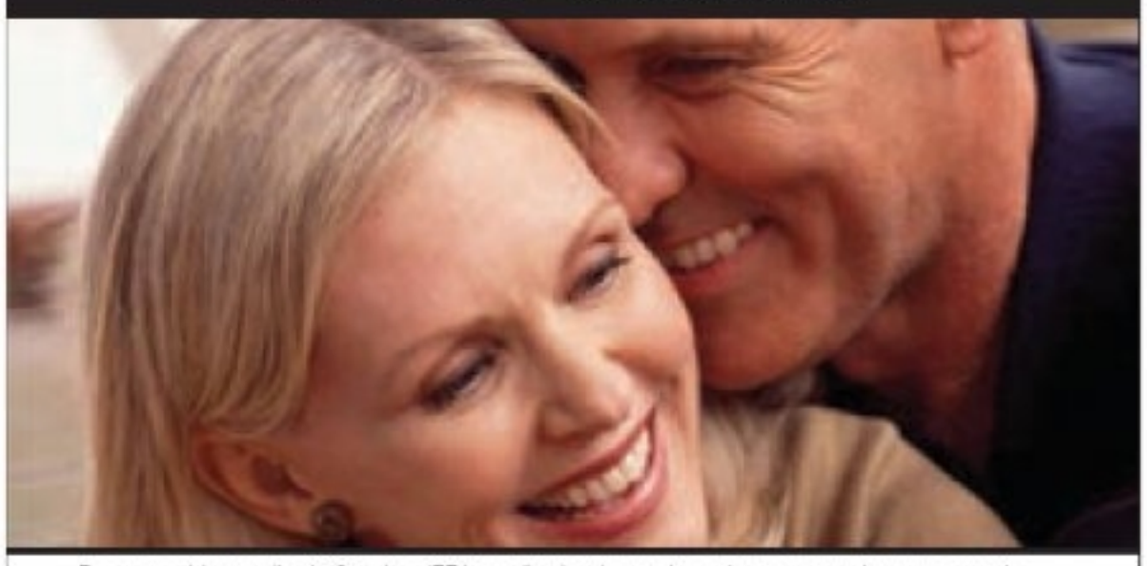

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"The Doll People" is a series I cowrite with my friend Laura Godwin. It's about a modern plastic doll family and a Victorian china doll family who both live in the same household. It's very different for me. That's one of the fun things about collaborating: You try things as a writer you wouldn't normally attempt on your own.

lot of them were weightier topics. So in many cases, the serious topics were included because readers had asked for them.

If you were to start 'The Baby-Sitters Club' series today, would you integrate social media and modern technology?
Yes, absolutely. It would make the girls more contemporary. We actually reissued the first eight books a few years ago and slightly updated them, but we decided incorporating social media and cellphones would involve way too much rewriting.

Have you had to change the way you write for preteens over the years?
I think more of what has changed about my writing has been personal growth. I write much slower, and I consider every single word more carefully than I did before.

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Altitude adjustment

Red Mountain Resort. A city girl heads for Utah's hills to find zen.

Just try not to get "In a Big Country" stuck in your head as you take in the scenery. / ELLEN BARONE

When the invitation to Utah's Red Mountain Resort came in June, I was on a crammed subway train in the depth of summer — the furthest possible place from relaxation. But arriving at the resort, which sits on a lava field at the foot of the eponymous red peaks, is not unlike stepping onto a stage. It's inspiring; you want to rise to the occasion. I would find a way to relax.

Day 1: Doing nothing

With no buildings towering over the practically Martian landscape, it was perfectly possible to imagine that civilization was happening somewhere far away. I left my phone on airplane mode and soaked in the silence from the quiet back patio of the onsite Canyon Breeze restaurant.

Result: Abandoning my routine — and phone — was too easy. I relaxed, but achieved little else.

Day 2: Doing everything

The resort's activity schedule is enough to make you feel like you'd run a mile just reading it, from a billy goat-suited endurance hike to kayaking and even a burlesque workshop. My morning walk through the lava field was followed by a five-hour hike in Zion National Park. At night, we strapped on headlamps to spelunk nearby lava tubes.

Result: There is a heady feeling of achievement at the end of each activity. But it has an edge of anxiety about all the real and metaphorical mountains left to climb.

Day 3

Moderation

Maybe relaxation happens when we stop pushing ourselves and focus on nurturing instead. I started the day with bacon, which sits alongside the chia bowls in keeping with the resort's no-deprivation ethos. The Gentle Yoga class eased the tightness from the hike, while Full Body Melt worked out the knots in the legs and back using a foam roller. Book a Melting Honey Hot Stone Treatment at Sagestone Salon & Spa around sunset and arrive early to enjoy the view from the panoramic windows. End the day with a half-hour meditation on your feather-soft bed.

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Halloween treats for kids

Cooking with little ones. These sweet snacks are as good to eat as they are to Instagram.

Playing dress-up and collecting heaps of candy is something almost every kid looks forward to each Halloween, but another way to celebrate with your children is to get them into the kitchen to bake some festive treats together. Yes, things might get a little messier than usual, but your son or daughter will have a lot of fun helping to concoct these devilish delights.

"My First Baking Book" has over 50 recipes for parents to make with help from their kids. It's not only a great way to spend time together, it teaches children what goes into food and how to measure, which makes learning about numbers interactive. You can even sneakily help sharpen their reading skills by having them read the recipe aloud. It also helps kids establish independence: They'll take pride in mixing the batter by themselves or measuring out the ingredients.

Here, we highlight just three of the festive ideas from the book. For the complete step-by-step recipes, purchase "My First Baking Book" on Amazon.

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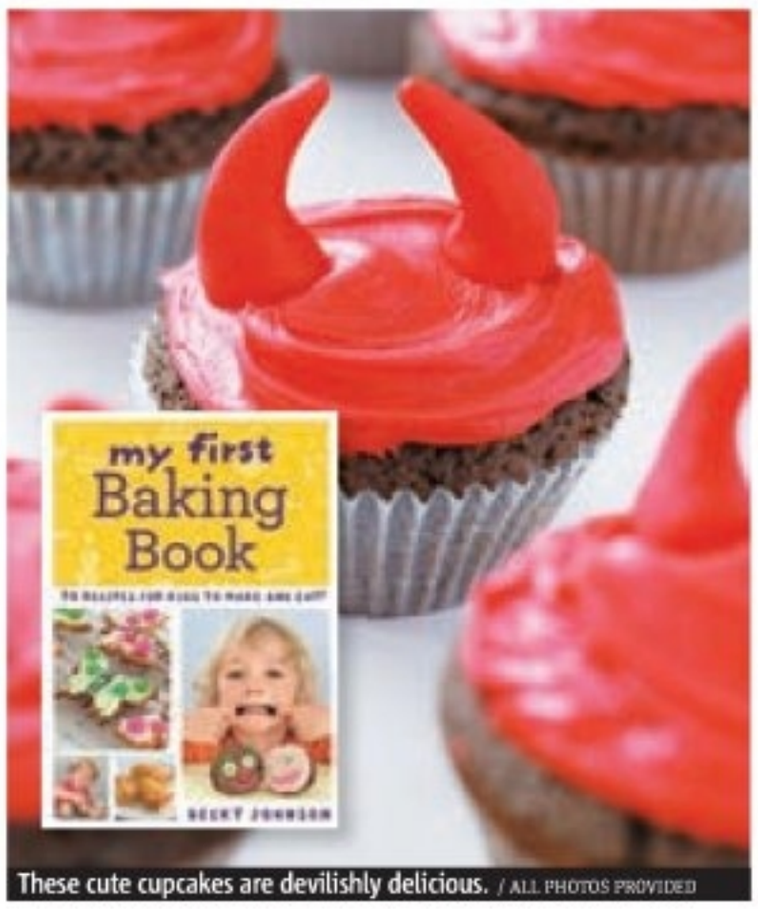

These cute cupcakes are devilishly delicious. / ALL PHOTOS PROVIDED

Pumpkin Heads

These cute pumpkin patch cupcakes look super impressive, but they are actually easy enough that your kids can decorate them with minimal guidance. The secret ingredient is again fondant, which you'll need to buy in red, yellow and green. Your kids will love squashing the red and yellow colors together to make the orange color for the pumpkins. The little pumpkin face is made using a black icing pen. Voila!

Cobweb Cookies

Kids will love helping form the squishy cookie dough and making the cookie slices. The good thing about cobwebs is they're meant to look a little tangled and messy, so your child can just zig-zag the black icing pen all over the sugar cookies when they're ready to decorate.

Little Devils' Cakes

These cupcakes only take 15 minutes to prep and 10 minutes to bake, so you can whip up a batch for your child's class quickly without stressing out. Let your child take small pieces of the fondant, roll them unto devils' horns and stick them into the wet icing. Teamwork!

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♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Use your genial personality to get others to assist you. Attend an event that will help you increase your business connections.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Don't forget those less fortunate. Sharing and caring will improve your relationships with the important people.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. It's time to reevaluate a romantic relationship. If your current situation is deteriorating, step back and determine what needs to be done.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Now is the perfect time to consider a job change. Your friends are likely to recommend a position that suits you.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. You will have good times if you get together with the younger people in your life. Don't just sit on the sidelines.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Your financial position is moving in a positive direction. Keep details a secret. Revealing too much personal information will lead to complicated situations.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Take note that someone is trying to downplay your abilities. Make a point to ensure that you receive credit for your tasks.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. This is not the right time to lend or borrow. Your monetary situation is fluctuating, so keep an accurate record of your spending.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Clear up any uncertainties you are having with someone you deal with daily. Doubts are best handled honestly if you want to have a healthy relationship.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. You are currently in a transitional phase. Welcome changes that will improve your lifestyle and professional status.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. You are in the mood for lighthearted entertainment. Get in touch with distant friends and make plans for a reunion.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Workplace woes are likely if you become overly involved in the personal matters of your colleagues. Keep your private affairs a secret. EUGENIA LAST

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters

If you want change, vote!

Election Day is fast approaching and is a day all registered American voters should step up to the plate and vote for the candidates of their choice. We need to vote for those candidates and those issues that best serve the city, state and local communities. But there are those who say, "My vote doesn't count, or "The candidates elected will only maintain the status quo of the rich and powerful and line their pockets." There are those who are running for office who want to make a difference and honestly want to help those who are hurting. But this is not going to happen if we don't vote.
FREDERICK R. BEDELL JR., VIA EMAIL

Corporations are parasites

What's new in today's world? Corporate inversions. Congress estimates that inversions will cost the Treasury almost $20 billion over the next 10 years. We know how conservatives feel about individuals who take advantage of government programs they're legally entitled to. But when it comes to corporations who screw the government while still enjoying all the benefits, they say things like, "The company is more competitive when it puts its headquarters overseas."
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24 Colorful carp
25 Venue
26 Really wallops
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35 — -advised
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44 Cohort of Boris and Bela
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46 Planck's "Thanks!"
47 Soothed
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53 Christina's pop
54 Supervise
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70 Piggy's dinner
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28 Exhausted (2 wds.)
29 Wish undone
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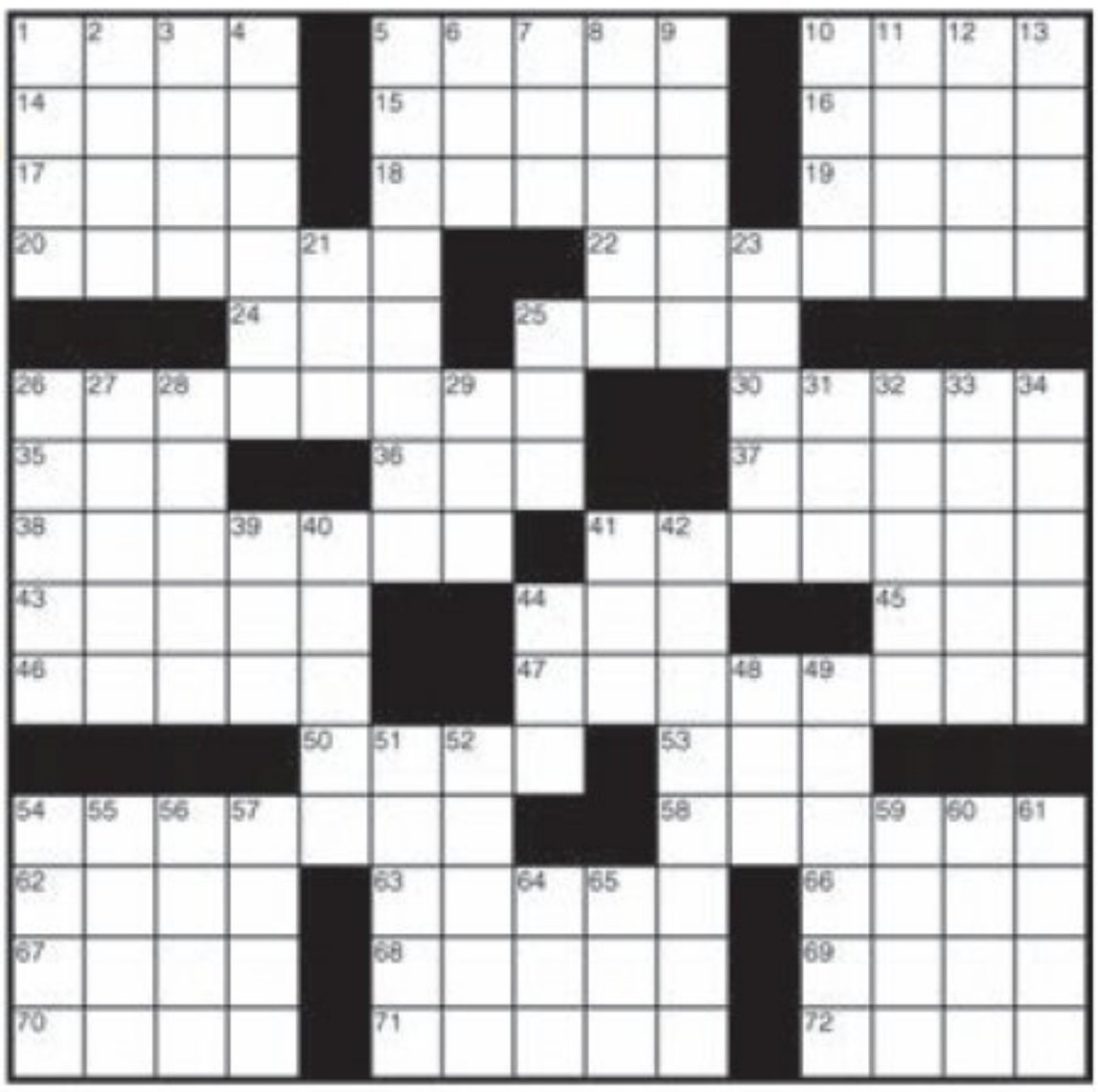

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First shutout in 18 years extra sweet for Eagles

NFL. The Eagles head to their bye week tied for first in the NFC East with Dallas.

Connor Barwin leads the Eagles with six sacks. / GETTY IMAGES

The last time the Eagles shut out an opponent, many players on this team's roster were in kindergarten or even preschool.

It was 301 games ago and nearly 18 years since the Birds beat the Giants 24-0 on December 1, 1996. And the fact that the Eagles were able to dominate the Giants in all facets makes heading into next week's bye week extra sweet.

"It felt good to get a shutout," said Connor Barwin, whose three sacks were part of an Eli Manning onslaught Sunday night. "It feels good to play good football for four quarters. Everybody stayed locked into it."

For defensive coordinator Bill Davis, a committed defensive mastermind, it's a rare feat the Eagles accomplished Sunday.

"I don't think I ever did [shut out an NFL team]," Davis said. "As a defensive coordinator or conditions coach, those are hard to do. And it's a team shutout, it takes everybody. it takes drive starts, it takes the pass rush, it takes the coverage, it takes stopping the run, and it's fun."

Setting out to shut out an NFL team, let alone the Giants — who had posted 105 points over their last three games — isn't something a defense rationally expects to do.

"When we saw the zero up there going into the half, we knew we just had to keep it," Trent Cole, who contributed a sack in the win, said. "It's great going into this bye week knowing that we ... improved."

The Eagles are tied for second place in the NFL with 19 sacks this season after their eight-sack performance in the 27-0 victory.

Quoted

"We got the job done ... the way we wanted to get it done, by dominating every aspect of the game. We couldn't be in a better position."

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Running back down

Sproles to miss one to three weeks

It could have been worse for Darren Sproles. Chip Kelly told the media Monday the running back's knee injury wasn't as serious as the MCL strain Evan Mathis sustained. After the bye week, Sproles shouldn't miss more than a couple weeks.

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The Eagles defense was just as good as the offense in a three-phase victory Sunday night. / GETTY IMAGES

During his 21 months as coach of the Eagles, Chip Kelly has taken a four-win roster to the playoffs, has helped a young quarterback post historic numbers and has energized a dormant fan base in Philadelphia, but he saved his finest work for Sunday night. The Eagles won more than a game against the Giants; they won overdue acceptance for their unconventional coach.

To the NFL establishment, Kelly has been a curiosity since arriving from Oregon. With Andy Reid's leftovers and a sprinkling of new talent, Kelly has won 12 of the last 14 regular-season games — a record made all the more impressive by his 46-7 mark in college. The man rarely loses.

And yet, the undercurrent of skepticism has remained undeniable. The naysayers keep yammering: Wait until teams face him more than once. Wait until he goes up against a great coach. Wait until he has to deal with a smart veteran quarterback. Blah, blah, blah.

Well, all of those scenarios played out simultaneously at Lincoln Financial Field on Sunday night, and here's the result: Eagles 27, Giants 0. Tom Coughlin, a two-time Super Bowl champion coach, got humiliated on national television. His team got annihilated.

Chip Kelly is not like any coach Philadelphia has ever encountered. He truly doesn't care what anybody says or does. He wasn't upset that the oddsmakers rated the Giants higher than the Eagles before the game, or that many of the media people who cover his team were predicting a loss against the revitalized New Yorkers.

Instead, Kelly addressed the immediate needs of a club that was winning games while impressing no one. Somehow, during the whitewash of the Giants, Kelly managed to fix everything that was wrong.

He started with LeSean McCoy, the star who had been running his mouth more than his feet. Kelly didn't hand the ball to McCoy with a chance to beat San Francisco, and then benched him in the final moments the following week. McCoy responded with a new sense of purpose and 149 yards on the ground. Nick Foles refocused against the Giants, too — with the exception of two ill-conceived interceptions. Kelly has never really coached a quarterback whose legs don't move, and yet Foles keeps making the big throws, right after Kelly dials up the right plays.

The defense — never Kelly's forte — was the biggest revelation against the Giants. Connor Barwin had three sacks in a hellacious pass rush that amassed eight. Eli Manning, the smart old pro with the new offense, later admitted that his coaches had no answers for what Kelly and defensive coordinator Billy Davis had devised. They got outsmarted.

Cataldi on Kelly

"He is brighter than the brightest coaches, more creative and committed than the best in the NFL. He has done a remarkable job in his first 21 months here — and Sunday night was his first masterpiece."

Idle thoughts

What else is eating at Angelo Cataldi this week?

- With fewer than 2,000 fans in the stands for the preseason opener, Sixers CEO Scott O'Neill last week gushed over the excitement of the new season. He even proudly displayed a custom-made Nerlens Noel lining in his fancy suit jacket. OK, I give up. Who is he trying to con here, us or himself?
- How toxic has Jonathan Papelbon become? The Detroit Tigers refused to add the Phillies closer to their dreadful bullpen and were drummed right out of the playoffs. Even after an excellent season, Papelbon is untradeable. Teams would rather lose than deal with him.
- After a thorough scientific analysis, Joe West was rated the worst ball-strike umpire in baseball this season. In a related story, West was named the crew chief in the American League Championship Series. How could this happen?
- Every Flyers season seems like a remake of the movie "Groundhog Day." Ed Snider gushes optimism, the players vow to start fast this time, then the games begin and reality sets in. These Flyers are like all of the recent Flyer teams — destined to repeat history with failure.

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Flyers try to get first win against Anaheim

NHL. The winless Flyers look to break an early season slump Tuesday against the Ducks.

Nicklas Grossman and the Flyers' defense must improve quickly as the early season struggles continue. / GETTY IMAGES

Stop me if you've heard this one before.

The Flyers are off to a slow start. They have no depth defensively and are unable to hang on to a lead.

It's nothing new — just version 3.0.

Philadelphia looks to turn things around Tuesday at 7 p.m. when it hosts the Anaheim Ducks.

With a 0-2-1 record that includes an embarrassing shootout loss (after blowing a 3-0 lead) to Montreal this past weekend, the players have been here before. And they know it's not time to panic.

"You just have to relax," Wayne Simmonds said. "I think [Saturday] and even the previous two games we were nervous in the first period. We got that 3-0 lead and we looked like nerves got hold of us again. [We started] squeezing our sticks, and weren't getting pucks out, weren't getting pucks in. [We] paid for it dearly."

With Braydon Coburn still sidelined with a lower-body injury sustained in last week's season opener and Kimmo Timonen out indefinitely, Nick Shultz, Luke Schenn and a relatively inexperienced defensive front have had to adapt during the first three games. And they'll have to make even more adjustments when the Ducks come to town.

"Yeah, it's frustrating," Schultz said. "I think it's something, it's a lesson where you have to learn, you don't have to necessarily work through these things, but we are right now so you have to learn from it and make sure you kind of squash it, squash it early, we have a couple days to reflect on it to see what's wrong and move forward."

If the Flyers can't find a way to earn two points Tuesday, it won't be getting any easier for quite some time.

After concluding their homestand against Anaheim, Philly will travel to Dallas, Chicago and Pittsburgh before returning home to face the Red Wings and defending Stanley Cup champions the L.A. Kings on Oct. 28.

By the numbers

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Luke Schenn and Claude Giroux are last in the entire NHL in plus/minus so far this season.

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NFL. McCoy looks like All-Pro running back after Giants victory

LeSean McCoy didn't look very Shady-like during the first weeks of the season.

In fact, 2013's top rusher had amassed just 273 yards over the Eagles' first five games. But Shady finally found gaps against the Giants on Sunday to the tune of 149 yards.

"I think the guys up front really did a great job of giving him some solid seams, and he hit it hard," Eagles coach Chip Kelly said. "He was hitting the lanes hard. He wasn't trying to bounce it. If he felt like he didn't have anything, he cut up inside for three or four yards. That really helps us out."

Quietly, McCoy ranks fourth in the NFL with 422 rushing yards this year. He is also back on pace to gain 1,125 yards on the season — a threshold that looked impossible when he ran for 21 yards on 12 carries in a loss to the 49ers.

"It was obvious that there was a lot of room today," McCoy said. "But that is in the past, we are moving forward." EVAN MACY

Shady stats

McCoy made some Eagles history Sunday Night.

- He gained a season-high 149 yards, which is the sixth-highest total of his career and his 20th 100-yard performance.
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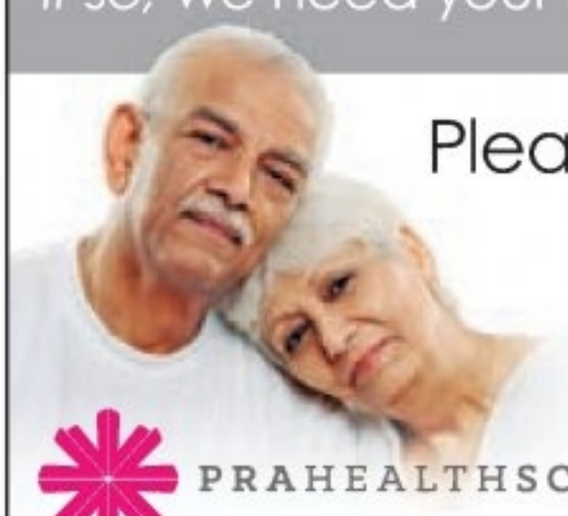

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